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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2000, having a three month shortened statutory period for response which expired November 3, 2000, and is extended until December 3, 2000, please amend and reconsider the claims as shown below.